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### To Be or Not To Be?

If the Soviet Union decides not to send its athletes to the Los Angeles Olympic Games, the true reason, according to members of the intelligence community, will be the Soviets' fear of their athletes defecting to the West.

Several weeks ago, *Sovetski Sport*, a publication based in Moscow, ran an article explaining that the U.S. State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency were hard at work instructing their agents in the practice of persuading Soviet and Soviet bloc athletes to apply for political asylum in the United States.

The article pointed out that several "safe

houses" had already been secured for possible defectors and that a "noisy propaganda campaign" against Soviet athletes was in full swing in Los Angeles and elsewhere in this country.

June 2 is the date by which the Soviets must notify the Olympic officials whether they plan to compete in Los Angeles. If they do compete, they will be allowed to house their entourage on the Soviet cruise ship *Gruzia*, to be anchored at Pier 2, Berth 53, in Long Beach harbor. No radio transmissions will be permitted, however, while the *Gruzia* is in the harbor. Long Beach is 20 miles south of Los Angeles.